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IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (currently amended): A method of enhancing wound healing in an external wound of an individual, comprising the ~~step~~ steps of:

covering said wound with a wound coverage material, wherein said wound coverage material is impregnated with a therapeutically effective amount of a cholesterol-containing cationic liposome, said liposome comprising at least one gene construct encoding a growth factor.

Claim 6 (original): The method of claim 5, wherein said impregnation of said wound coverage material is performed prior to covering said wound or subsequent to covering said wound.

Claim 7 (original): The method of claim 5, wherein said wound is selected from the group consisting of thermal trauma, chemical trauma, excisional trauma, surgical trauma and abrasion.

Claim 8 (original): The method of claim 5, wherein said wound coverage material is selected from the group consisting of human fetal amnion, human fetal chorion, human cadaver skin and synthetic skin.

Claim 9 (original): The method of claim 5, wherein said growth factor is selected from the group consisting of growth hormone, insulin-like growth factor-I, keratinocyte growth factor, fibroblast growth factor, epidermal growth factor, platelet derived growth factor and transforming growth factor- β .

Claim 10 (original): The method of claim 9, wherein said growth factor is insulin-like growth factor-I (IGF-I) and the concentration of said gene encoding IGF-I in the liposomes is about 2.2 $\mu\text{g}/10 \mu\text{l}$ liposomes.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A method of enhancing wound healing in an external wound of an individual, comprising the step steps of:

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covering said wound with a wound closure material, wherein said wound closure material is impregnated with a therapeutically effective amount of a cholesterol-containing cationic liposome, said liposome comprising at least one gene construct encoding a growth factor.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The method of claim 11, wherein said impregnation of said wound ~~coverage~~ closure material is performed prior to covering said wound or subsequent to covering said wound.

Claim 13 (original): The method of claim 11, wherein said wound is selected from the group consisting of thermal trauma, chemical trauma, excisional trauma, surgical trauma and abrasion.

Claim 14 (original): The method of claim 11, wherein said wound closure material is selected from the group consisting of human fetal amnion, human fetal chorion, human syngeneic skin, and human allogeneic skin.

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Claim 15 (original): The method of claim 11, wherein said growth factor is selected from the group consisting of growth hormone, insulin-like growth factor-I, keratinocyte growth factor, fibroblast growth factor, epidermal growth factor, platelet derived growth factor and transforming growth factor- β .

Claim 16 (original): The method of claim 15, wherein said growth factor is insulin-like growth factor-I (IGF-I) and the concentration of said gene encoding IGF-I in the liposomes is about 2.2 $\mu\text{g}/10 \mu\text{l}$ liposomes.